

KNIGHTLY NEWS

4-22-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/27: Knight Time Schedule/Club Day
4/28: ELA MCAP assessment (6th grade)
4/28: #OnePatapsco...Green Patapsco Family and Student event
4/28 & 4/29: ELA MCAP assessment (6th grade)
4/29-4/30: High School Musical Jr.
5/02: No school for students (professional day for staff) - **New Date**
5/03: Regular school day for students - **New Date**
5/03-5/06: Staff Appreciation Week
5/3: ELA MCAP (7th grade)
5/4: Outdoor Ed Trip (6th grade)
5/5: ELA MCAP (7th grade)
5/5: Music Boosters Meeting, 7PM
5/6: ELA MCAP (8th grade)
5/6: PTA Spring Fling Fun Night, 7-9PM
5/9: ELA MCAP (8th grade)
5/10: SS MCAP (8th grade)
5/11: SS MCAP (8th grade)
5/11: Outdoor Ed Trip (6th grade)
5/11: PTA Meeting, 7PM
5/12: Knight Time/School Store
5/12: Rising 6th grade visit to Patapsco
5/13: Music in the Parks (Hershey Park)
5/18: OnePatapsco Day of Belonging, 8:15-11:50AM

Refer to the [Patapsco Calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with all the events at Patapsco Middle School.

Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848
Student Services: 410-313-2850
Health Room: 410-313-2574



Patapsco- a place where **everyone** is valued and important!

Students of the Month for March

Congratulations to the following Knights who have been nominated by our staff to be the March Students of the Month. They have exhibited being **Resilient, Responsible, and/or Respectful!**

6th	7th	8th
Abhinav M.	Aaron Z.	Allison N.
Anvayee P.	Abraham G.	Ashley R.
Chloe W.	Alex A.	Bridget S.
Daelen B.	Connor M.	Gia S.
Elias N.	Eden B.	Mackenzie B.
Jason N.	Kosarachi O.	Riley S.
Rafael P.	Kyla C.	Samantha M. B.
Zachary C.	Liam H.	Theeksha M.
Zimora B.	Luis B. I.	
	Maria A.	
	Sheylin Z. D.	

Spring Pictures

If you did not order a package, it is not too late! Go to www.mylifetouch.com and enter your Portrait ID and Access Code located on the proof.

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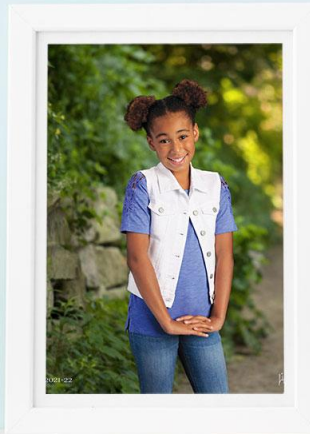
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EXPIRES: 8/30/22

The Mall in Columbia Art Exhibit

The 48th Annual Student Exhibition at the Mall in Columbia is now open! Student artwork is on display through May 3rd 2022. Over 30 Patapsco students have art in the show. We encourage everyone to visit and enjoy what the K - 12 art students in Howard County have created this year!

Show Our Teachers and Staff Some Love! We need your help!

Please see sign up genius for how to shower our teachers with some appreciation during the week of May 2-6th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2ca31-pmsteacher>

Share your voice!

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by April 29th. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year.

The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. If you have questions, please contact michael_babe@hcpss.org.

[English version](#)

[Chin version](#)

[Chinese version](#)

[Korean version](#)

[Spanish version](#)

Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

Throughout April and May, we will be collecting women's hygiene products to benefit Grassroots. Students can bring any of the following to Student Services to be donated and help local women in need:

Dental Hygiene Products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, etc.)

Feminine Hygiene Products (pads, tampons)

Shampoo and Conditioner

Masks

Hand Sanitizer

Brushes and Combs

MCAP Testing

All 6th graders will be taking the ELA MCAP test on Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th. Please have students bring fully-charged school-issued Chromebooks and wired headphones if they have them. Please make every effort for your child to be here on time for testing.

Attention 6th grade families

Just a reminder that different homerooms are attending Terrapin Adventures on different dates as follows:

May 4th

- Kelly's Homeroom
- Ordovensky's Homeroom
- Price's Homeroom
- Weeks' Homeroom

May 11th

- Kruger's Homeroom
- Harris' Homeroom
- Saks' Homeroom
- Shaw's Homeroom
- Shum's Homeroom

If you have forgotten your lunch option (bringing from home or ordering from cafeteria), please email: jennifer_meikrantz@hcpss.org

Also remember to dress in comfortable clothing for that day's weather. It is a rain or shine trip and we will be outdoors the entire day.

High School Musical Jr. (Come see our talented students)

Patapsco Performers presents, "High School Musical Jr."

Come see our Patapsco Knights perform on April 29th at 7:00 pm and April 30th at 2:00 and 7:00. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00 and all funds go back to building up our drama program!

We're All in this Together and we hope to see you there!

From the Family Engagement Committee

One Patapsco...Green Patapsco *Student and Family event!!!!*

Patapsco Middle School is hosting One Patapsco, Green Patapsco on April 28 from 6 - 8 PM. We will have environmental organizations at our school to promote the importance of conservation and other environmental themes along with literacy! We will

start our Patapsco garden in front of our building and plant a large tree, and there will be engaging activities, arts and crafts, including a scavenger hunt and prize! The event is for children and adults of all ages! Please bring your family!

Volunteers and donations of seeds/pots needed for Green Patapsco Event on April 28th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-onepatapsco>

Pizza will be provided by our supportive Patapsco PTA. Please RSVP by April 25 at this [link](#).



Patapsco 21-22 Yearbook!

There are only 11 days left to order a yearbook!!!

To order online, go to jostensyearbooks.com

- Click "Find My School/Group Store"
- Enter "Patapsco Middle"
- Select "Patapsco Middle, Ellicott City" from the list.
- Click "Order Your Yearbook Today!"

- Click "ORDER MY YEARBOOK" or scroll down to see add-ons
- Enter Student Information and follow the "Next" prompts to add the book to your cart.
- Checkout and save your order number!

Order deadline is May 1.

All yearbooks will be shipped to the school and distributed by Homeroom teachers during the last week of school.

****TO AVOID DOUBLE ORDERS:** If you are unsure whether or not you have already placed an order, check your email for a receipt from Jostens OR email kalina_salsman@hcpss.org **

May 6th Spring Fling

Students are invited to the last Fun Knight of the school year on Friday, May 6th from 7:00 to 9:00pm. This event has something for everyone!

*DJ & Dancing in the cafeteria

*Special appearance from Patapsco's very own teacher band – Death of Knowledge

*Basketball and other activities in the gym

*Bingo with prizes in the media center

*Concessions for sale

Permission forms will go home with students on Friday, April 29th. Signed permission forms are required to purchase tickets which will be on sale during all lunch periods on May 4, 5, and 6. Tickets are \$5 and can be paid for by cash or check (made payable to Patapsco MS PTA).

Fun Knights require many parent volunteers to keep our kids safe and happy. Please check out the SignUp Genius here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-spring>

Questions about the Fun Knight? Contact Michaela Muffoletto at muffs@muffsonline.com.

#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

We are excited about our #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging! We look forward to having an opportunity for students, staff, and families to share about our countries, cultures, and/or traditions and to celebrate the diversity of our community. It will take place on

5/18 from 8:15 - 11:50 and we want to know if any of you want to be part of the day. If you are interested in presenting to our students, fill out the form linked below. Please reach out to Mr. Weeks (william_weeks@hcpss.org) with any questions.

[#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging Participant Interest Form](#)

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration

We will have our 8th grade promotion celebration on June 14th during the school day.

[Here is information!](#)

School Store Volunteers Needed

The Sir Knight Store is open on select Wednesdays from the first bell until 8:45 AM.

Volunteering at the school store is a fun way to help out and to interact with the students!. If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at

mschnaar@hotmail.com Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-pms>

Get Boosted!

See flyers for more information

[Get Boosted](#) [Get Boosted 2](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PS0Mpk670Z6ofnl4UoYO3aZ-YJVjN6zt/view?usp=sharing>

From the Health Room

If you have not provided the health room with records of your child's COVID vaccines please send a copy to the health room. If your child has received a booster please also forward that information. Fax number 410-313-1741 or email

Megan_Blouse@hcpss.org.

Students who will be entering 7th grade next year are required to have the MCV4 and Tdap vaccines prior to the first day of school. **Any student that does not have the required vaccines will be excluded from school on the first day.** Please provide the health room with your child's updated records. If your child has not had these vaccines

please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment. The Health Department provides immunization opportunities for kids who are not up-to-date on school-required vaccinations. Call the Health Department at 410-313-7500 to schedule a vaccination appointment for your child.

We are now accepting negative rapids (not home tests) for symptomatic students as long as they have not had a known exposure in the past 14 days.

COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

When emailing the school regarding your child's absence due to a positive Covid-19 test result, or close contact to a positive case, please provide the following information.

Positive Test

- Date tested
- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status

Close Contact to a Positive Individual

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child.
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days.

Please contact the health room megan_blouse@hcpss.org if you are being tested or have a household member or if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive.

More Information: [COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check & Quarantining Procedure](#)

Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

A reminder to all families that **if your student arrives late to school, please send them in with a parent note or doctor's note that indicates the reason for their late arrival** so that their attendance may be appropriately adjusted. You can also email pmsabsence@hcpss.org with a late arrival or absence note. If we are not provided a parent or doctor's note for lawful late arrivals or absences, your child will be marked unexcused. [Click here](#) for more attendance information.

NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY for Middle School Students!

Are you interested in learning more about philosophy, political theories, and how to act morally? The Centennial HS Ethics Bowl team is hosting an 8 week long virtual seminar on philosophical applications in real life. This course will go in depth on arguments used in Lincoln-Douglas debate, ethics bowl, and other competitive activities. Students will have a chance to connect with high school students and talk to a guest speaker. Sign up through this form to show interest: <https://forms.gle/b56oFhoKZYLj4tyH8>. All meetings will be conducted online with no costs.

Knightly Newsletters

All previous newsletters are posted under News at <http://pms.hcpss.org/>

Community Notices:

New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site:

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit community-programs.hcpss.org for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.